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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003, within the shortened statutory period extended on the basis of an accompanying Petition for an extension of time to July 5, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected. No claims have been amended because Applicants strongly believe that the presently claimed invention is clearly distinguishable from the cited prior art. The distinctions, as explained subsequently, would preclude a rejection on the basis of anticipation and even unobviousness in view of the limited teachings of the prior art.